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What is meant by FAIZ, please elaborate?

Spirituality is a learning only, what does a teacher transfer to one's students… knowledge or what else, surely its knowledge. Just like teacher of worldly knowledge, transfer learning to its students, a spiritual teacher you may name it a "Peer-o-Murshid", "peer sahib" or "spiritual master" or "spiritual father" or whatever you call it. Just like, worldly teacher transfer worldly knowledge, a spiritual teacher transfers spiritual knowledge.

Spirituality means knowledge. During the learning process of worldly knowledge, a student besides gaining knowledge, is also somewhat affected by the mindset of a worldly teacher. The students also manifest the mindset of teacher to some extent. The only difference between transfer of learning in worldly and spiritual contexts lies in the fact that when spiritual teacher transfers learning, his mindset is also transferred to the students.

For example, for a spiritual being it is imperative to put all expectations from Allah and cherish absolute fulfillment. Irrespective of the circumstances, he/she is connected with Allah, in favorable circumstances they are thankful and when going gets tough they also return to Allah for forgiveness and understands that tough times are for their own betterment. They believe that the current disturbance is for own betterment. They consider themselves to be fragile and weak and cannot bear these troubles. They revert to Allah for forgiveness and request opening of a good way for them. The point is that "Spirituality is a mindset", all spiritual knowledge regards to this mindset and the mindset is such that spiritual beings always refer their all matters to Allah. Their mind is always focused towards Allah.

All prophets, it is told that there are about one lack twenty-four thousand of them, so when you contemplate on the preaching of these prophets, you find four books out of which Quran is the most authentic that holds the extract of all divine books and includes the preaching of all prophets. So when we ponder in Quran, we find only one thing that a person has to pave a way and establish such a connection with Allah that all his actions are directed towards Allah. Whatever he says or does, is performed for the sake of Allah.

For example, if he eats food and after eating he exhibits thankfulness to Allah who gave him resources to get good food and gave me good digestion system otherwise i could have vomited or fell victim to diarrhea. I ate food and it was digested and it helped building blood cells and provided energy to my body. So in all these things if one thinks, one learns only one thing and that there is nothing about himself, a man eats food he can do nothing about digesting it if internal machines stop working, if intestines stop functioning, food cannot be digested. Thus one develops a mindset that he/she is all dependent on Allah. He understands that whatever is happening to him, whatever he is getting is all from Allah. First verses of Surah Baqarah states

وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُـمْ يُنْفِقُوْنَ (3) البقرۃ

The people who are firm in their connection(Muttaqi) with Allah are recognized from the fact, the people who are complete in their faith, and their belief is at conscious level, they say that whatever they are getting is from Allah and that is also the reality. Now ponder that if Allah do not create the earth, do not let sunlight shine, do not shower rain, do not take out moon light, do not put water in earth, can anything grow out of soil. You cannot make soil, you cannot create water, you cannot create air, you cannot create sunlight, you cannot create moon light and you cannot create a seed. If seed of wheat is extinct from earth, what science can make it for you. It is possible that if a seed naturally produces 100 grains, you can utilize your brain to increase production to 200 grains but also in doing so you have to rely on the natural system. May it be a chemical or a fertilizer like compost, you have to rely on natural sources. If nature do not produce things from soil that makes a fertilizer, how could you make it. Nothing can take birth on its own will. Can any human being claim that he/she took birth on his/her own will? If somebody is mad by birth can anybody cure such being, no cure exists. There are many deceases like cancer, so far we have not been able to find a cure. Big scientists claim that we have traveled to moon and have experienced space walking and we have done this and we have done that and what not. But their elders died, they, with all their scientific inventions, failed to put their claw in the hands of death and were not able to make death run away. So when we think about our life on earth, ponder about our past and future, we cannot see anything other than whatever happens is with the order of Allah, and Allah is executing it, and surely Allah executes.

For example, when a baby is born, Allah inspires love in the mother’s heart. If there is no such inspiration, nurturing cannot take place. Whether that mother is a cat’s, goat’s, buffalo’s, cow’s or mother of a human, or mother of a Jinn or any other species, there is a system that whenever a baby is born, what you call it for its nurturing, Allah inspires love in the hearts of father and mother. What if Allah withdraw this love? Like, there was news from London that there was this baby, nine months old, who use to weep a lot, parents were depressed and beat the baby to death with a bat. The reason is that parents were never got aware of this love, this is madness, this is nothing else but madness. So Allah has given us mind and the consciousness.

Before the birth of a baby, Allah fills the mother’s breast with milk. What role a mother play in producing this milk, what chore she has to perform in producing milk. The deeper you think and ponder, only one fact is revealed that human being is nothing and Allah is the executor of everything. It is not more than a misjudgment of human beings that they are the master, had it been the fact, why they incur loss in business or why they fell ill.

Someone asked Hazarat Ali (RA) that how did he recognize Allah, he replied “from the failure of my wills”. Sometime my desires materialize and sometimes it never happens. Meaning, you have no control on your “will” even. You look at your life and analyze, like hunger, it happens automatically, no one can control it, no one can deny eating all life, it is not possible, one has to eat. No one can say I shall not drink water, one has to drink. No one can do it for long, as muscles contract, body cramps, leading to dehydration, one has to revert drinking water for life. No one can sleep for long, one has to wake up. Similarly, no one can remain awake for long one has to sleep. No one can live sitting doing nothing, one has to move. So what is the matter in your life, my life and in the life of this earth, where one can say that this is all nothing but a personal matter. You even cannot identify a single thing for which you could logically explain or reasonably claim to be not dependent on Allah.

For example, if we talk about scientific inventions, missiles developed, atom bombs developed and we claim to develop so many things, but we cannot deny the fact that all these things were made utilizing the already available (endowed) resources. Had there been no Sulphur or Ammoniac elements, we could not make gun powder. What about bombs, we cannot even make a firecracker without utilizing the already available resources. The point is, can you make earth, and all the minerals and elements on earth? Like

Uranium that is used in making Atomic Bomb. Uranium was discovered, that was then used in making the atomic bomb. What if Allah have not created Uranium, could you be able to make the Bomb. Likewise, you need iron for making the missile shell, if iron is not there, you cannot even imagine to develop a bullet. Now ponder, that all the things that are present in this universe, and all the inventions and development we have made so far since Adam, are dependent on these resources. And if you do not utilize the earthly resources, no invention is possible. If there is anything, enlighten me. Can there be any invention without these resources? These resources are created by Allah and invited us to utilize these resources. Allah says

وَاَنْزَلْنَا الْحَدِيْدَ فِيْهِ بَاْسٌ شَدِيْدٌ وَّمَنَافِعُ لِلنَّاسِ الحديد 25

We created iron for the benefit of people. Now you look around and you can find so many things where iron is utilized. In everything you would find iron, like rail tracks, airplanes. Iron means any form of metal, may it be aluminum, copper or brass. Iron mean metal, even if you name it iron you can find its use everywhere, may it be atom bomb, missiles, railways, or ships. Allah is openly inviting that these resources are created for your benefit. These resources are made for your utilization. So it is clear that when you make new inventions by utilizing these resources, you do so from Allah.

So, a teacher who transfers knowledge, a spiritual teacher, a master, transfers the knowledge about the bond between the creator and the creation. That, creator wants the creation to eat well, dress well, live well and aromatize well but their mind should not astray from Allah. Look, for example you work all day, take meals, walk, drive cars, go to office but your mind is never disconnected from the day light. Consciously or unconsciously, if somehow your mind is detached from daylight, you shall find yourself in darkness then you would not be able to walk, read and write. Similarly, night prevails and the darkness of night (that is a different kind of light) so all the chores of night that take place in darkness like sleeping, resting, relaxation, peace of mind, connecting with Allah and bonding with Allah. What if your mind is disconnected from the light (i.e. Darkness) of night, you would not be able to perform these chores. So our experience of the day validates that consciously or unconsciously, we cannot depart from day light, what about the creator who made light, how could we not remain connected with that source. It is our daily practice that whatever we do, we recognize the presence of light, what if I realize that I

am walking in light, eating in light, writing in light, sleeping in light, though it is never realized yet you are completely enfolded in light. So, this spiritual teacher instills a mindset in the students that whatever he/she engages in like marriage, raising kids, doing business, they are enfolded in day light, likewise Allah surrounds them. And they validate this verse of Quran

اَلَآ اِنَّه بِكُلِّ شَىْءٍ مُّحِيْطٌ (54) سورۃ فصلت

That Allah is the dominant. So the basic difference between worldly knowledge and spiritual knowledge is the spiritual teacher. The one who really possesses spiritual knowledge as it happens that there are many people who are unaware of spiritual knowledge yet they are spiritual. But If someone is spiritual teacher, he would instill a mindset that builds a direct live connection with Allah. Whatever you do, your mind would never disconnect with Allah. When this mindset is transferred, it is clear that more connection would reap greater intimacy with Allah and you would find the friendship and proximity of Allah. What is friendship? It means intimacy. It means intimacy and animosity means detachment. So when you are close to Allah, you become friend of Allah,

اَلَآ اِنَّ اَوْلِيَآءَ اللّٰـهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْـهِـمْ وَلَا هُـمْ يَحْزَنُـوْنَ (62) سورۃ يونس

meaning that friends of Allah never experience grief and fear. Your life, this life, that is hell in making, but if “care of Allah” mindset is earned, it would make this life heaven. In heaven there is no misery and fear. What is heaven, it’s a place to witness the manifesting divine lights of Allah. What else is heaven for? If there is no observance of Allah, what purpose it serves. In hell, you would be detached from Allah. So if in this world you experience closeness with Allah and able to build such a relationship that you are eating and Allah is visible to you. That you are wearing and Allah is visible to you. That you are doing business and Allah is visible to you. This would make this life heaven. Prophet (PBUH) said that everyone takes along heaven and hell with themselves. So, the heaven, one takes along is the closeness of Allah. So how to observe closeness with Allah? To experience this closeness, you need to acquire the mindset of Prophets. Because from the close ones of Allah, the closest are Prophets. Prophets are the closest ones to Allah. So when you acquire the mindset of Prophets, you would find closeness of Allah. So the spiritual teacher’s biggest attribute is that he

instills this mindset that is transferred to him from the Prophet of Allah. (PBUH)